

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

a' [0017] Operationally, the sample container 22 is positioned under the sleeve guide 12 as shown in Fig. 4A. The mouth of the sample container 20 is inserted into the guidance ring 14 as shown in Fig 4B. The guidance ring 14 thus provides the indexing and proper location for the mouth of the sample container 22 relative to the sampling needles 24. The sample container 22 is then slid up so that the sampling needles 24 pierce the septum 21 as shown in Fig. 4C. ~~A container retention clip 30 can be positioned under the container to hold it in place.~~ The process is reversed to remove the container.
